

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
Nobuhiro Aihara	)	Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 10/614,511	)	Examiner: Dennis Rosario
Filed: July 8, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 7620
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD	)	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 30, 2007, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-13, with traverse.

Applicant questions whether the classification of the various groups listed in the Official Action is correct, and how that may affect the conclusion that restriction is proper. In addition, Applicant submits that there would be little additional burden on the part of the Examiner in examining all claims at the same time.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the restriction requirement and to examine all claims at the same time.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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